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FIRST MEET OF STUDENTS ORCHESTRA

Conditions Augur Well for Orchestra this Session.

LARGE NUMBER PRESENT.

Post of Conductor Left Vacant for Present.

The attendance at the preliminary meeting of the McGill Students' Orchestra augurs well for the future. Yet it is felt that there must be a great many musicians in college who were not present, and it is hoped that these will do their bit toward making the orchestra a real success by turning out in force to the first practice, which has been scheduled for Friday, October 13, at 7.15 p.m., the place to be notified later.

The meeting was called to order by Philip Presner, Law '21, the last conductor of the Orchestra. As other duties will prevent Presner from assuming the leadership this year, and as it was deemed unwise to elect a new conductor until the members have had a chance to become better acquainted, it was decided to leave the post vacant for the present.

A. P. Grigg, Law '21, who was elected manager in the spring of 1915, but was prevented from taking office owing to his departure on active service, was provisionally re-elected manager for purposes of organization.

Some years ago the McGill Orchestra was quite a feature around the University and it may yet attain its old place if those interested in music especially men of the Freshman year, will turn out and give it the support it deserves.

AN ADDED ATTRACTION FOR POLO ENTHUSIASTS

Informal Dance After the Game To-night.

As an added attraction to the polo game to-night at the M.A.A.A., the committee in charge of the swimming department have arranged an interesting aquatic programme. The events will include an exhibition polo game between the champion M.A.A.A. juniors and an all-star team. There will also be a diving exhibition by Billy Quirk, followed by several speed races.

The event of the evening will be next, when McGill will play M.A.A.A. in polo. This game promises to be close and fast, as the heavy McGill sextette will have its hands full with the M.A.A.A. team, which has not yet been beaten.

At the close of the aquatic programme, the gymnasium will be opened and a purely informal dance will be held until twelve o'clock. Similar functions have been very successful in the past, and it is expected that this affair will prove no exception to the rule. To reach as many as possible, the management of the M.A.A.A. utilizes these columns to extend to the public in general, and to the students of McGill and R.V.C. in particular, a very cordial invitation to be present to-night at eight o'clock.

Of what parts of speech are shopkeepers most anxious to dispose? Articles.

ADDRESSED CLUB.



DEAN BIRKETT.

FAMILIAR FIGURE AT CAMPUS 'RINK DIES

James Blevin Former Groundsman Dies from Pneumonia.

News has just arrived of the death yesterday of James Blevin (Jimmy) one of the most familiar figures around the University. Jimmy was connected with the University as groundsman and also looked after the rink for eighteen years. Some time ago he was granted leave of absence and left for the West for the benefit of his health, but his journey was fruitless, for he came back worse than when he went away. He died on Monday of pneumonia at his residence, 452 Alymer Street. He leaves a wife to mourn his demise. Funeral will take place on Wednesday from his residence at 1.30 p.m.

Those who were frequenters of the Campus Rink in years past will remember with regret the energetic figure of "Jimmy" as he marshalled his cohorts to cope with the malignant powers of wind and snow. Owing to his familiarity with college history, he was able to entertain his listeners with reminiscences of times past and "yarns" about the famous athletes and leaders whose names are now almost forgotten.

"Jimmy" was prominent, too, upon the drive during the summer months and woe to the trespassers who came under his vigilant eye. In him, the University loses a faithful servant untiring in his duties.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE MR. WERNER.

The news of the sudden death of Sam Werner, instructor in the Metallurgical Department, came as a particularly severe shock to every one who had known him, and with particular sadness to one like the writer, who saw him only a few days before his departure for the States, full of hopes for the success of his new process. The keynote of S. W. Werner's character ("Sam," as he was affectionately referred to by all his old students) was his cheery helpfulness to every one he knew and liked. He never was too busy to lend one a helping hand. He loved his work and his family—his little daughter was the light of his eyes, so to speak. Old McGill men liked to come back to college and have

McGILL GRADS. HOLD REUNION AT HALIFAX

McGill Colours in Great Prominence.

BANQUET AND THEATRE.

Theatre Players Join in Giving McGill Yells.

A McGill Reunion was held Saturday evening in Halifax, at which about twenty graduates and undergraduates were present. The first part of the evening was spent at a banquet given at the Queen's Head Hotel. The room was nicely decorated for the occasion. The McGill yell was given before settling down to the table.

After a fairly lengthy repast the party proceeded to the Majestic Theatre where they occupied the two lower boxes on either side. These had been fittingly decorated with a very large McGill banner and several smaller ones, together with placards. Before the curtain went up, the yell was given with a great deal of vim and was repeated between the various acts. In the middle of the second act the players, all of whom wore McGill colours were presented with various presents such as drums, horns, etc., with red and white ribbons tied to them, and also cards with McGill printed in red-letters on them. The leading lady, however, received a basket of red and white flowers. In the middle of the third act the players led by the leading lady gave three cheers for Old McGill, to which the occupants of the boxes responded. The party broke up shortly after, everyone agreeing that the party had been a great success. Those present were:

- A. H. Chisholm, Science '17, late gunner, 8th McGill Siege Battery.
- Lt. E. W. Simmerman, Sci. '18, C.E.
- C. H. Wright, 1905.
- Lt. Summershill, Sci. '14.
- G. B. Brown.
- W. Dart.
- M. Finlayson, '08.
- Sub-Lt. C. J. Jarison, R.N.C.V.R., Sci. '11.
- Lt. Pitts, Sci. '14, 10th McGill Siege Battery.
- J. G. Macdonald, '11.
- Chas. K. Ives, Arts '07.
- Allan Bone, Sci. '16.
- Lt. H. A. Messervy, Sci. '14.
- H. L. Bronson, Yale 1900.
- Capt. J. S. Churchill, C.A.M.C.
- A. J. Maels, Med. '90.
- M. Chisholm, Med. '79.
- P. C. Macdonald, Med. '06.
- H. R. Macdonald, Med. '06.
- Eng. Sub-Lt. D. Ross-Ross, R.C.N., Sci. '17.

DEAN BIRKETT SAYS GOOD-BYE.

Yesterday in the Histology lab. Dean Birkett said good-bye to the Second Year Meds. The Dean said he expected to be back with them in a few months and trusted that the Second Year would keep up the good work of the past. As he was leaving, the Second Year led by President Griffiths gave three rousing cheers followed by a hearty tiger.

The Dean leaves right away and will be followed by the good wishes of all the Meds.

a regular session with "Sam," down in his little corner of the Lab. His departure will leave a blank, especially for the Miners, which will never be filled.



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Dear —, I have not been able to write to you before owing to the recent celebrations we have been indulging in. We started Monday morning about 11.45 and I got no sleep that night at all. In the afternoon I amused myself leading the boys around town with a big Canadian flag, in the evening I went to a dinner at one of the chief restaurants here, where we had a great time; I will tell you all about it when I get home. After dinner, I went out around the town, and we had a rare old time. Nearly everyone was crazy with excitement — flags, confetti, flowers, streamers all over the place, fireworks as well. I looked like a Christmas tree before the morning broke. The next morning we started off on a big parade and I led them again with the old flag. I am enclosing a clipping from the paper here and have marked the part that refers to one of our exploits. I happen to be the party referred to. After this I could have the town for the asking. Flowers. I had arms full of them, chrysanthemums, carnations, roses, marguerites, etc. I am sure I must have had at least three dozen of each before the day was out; but as far as I got them the girls in the town pinched them. Talk about being kissed by big girls, little girls, women, men with beards, and men without, Gee! it sure was some day. I have been so stiff and sore ever since, that I can hardly move. My arms simply ache all the time.

I bet you all had a good time at home when the news came through. I can just imagine the relief the people at home would feel, especially those who had their dear ones out here.

Our boys here have been nearly mad for the last three days. We have done

no work, but I guess we will now settle down a bit, all you can hear is "I wonder when we will be going back? Who are going first?" It is very funny to hear the different rumours that are current.

I must be closing now as I have several other letters to write, not having written to anyone for the last ten days. I am still in the pink and am beginning to look forward to the time when I will be getting on the Old Boat for God's Own Country.

Extract from the clipping:—The enthusiastic celebrations which took place on Monday at the news of the signing of the armistice, were continued the next day also. The institutions and factories discharged their employees, the early part of the afternoon. The crowd all decked with patriotic signs, spread into the streets, happy to breathe at last freely, delivered from the bloody nightmare which we have been strangled by for four years.

About eleven o'clock, a group of Canadian soldiers formed in line and preceded by a large drum, made a circle around the equestrian statue of Napoleon I.

One of them pushed up by his companions, was able to reach the head of the horse, on the forehead of which—having stopped and waving with symbolic gestures, he united the colours of France and Britain. And fixed on the horse a little tricoloured flag, homage to a great captain of whom Marshal Foch is a worthy rival. Our emblem was fully acclaimed by our Allies who then sang the Marseillaise with unusual harmony. A workman hastening with a ladder at the end of this celebration helped the Canadian to come down with out an accident and at the foot of the statue embraced the author of the celebration.

What part of speech is kissing? A conjunction.
When is a lady's boot like a gentleman? When polished.

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"INVESTING THE TIME WORTHILY."

Are you making the best investment of your time now you are in the University? Think it over, and no doubt you will recall many minutes that should have been utilized. It is well to remember that now is the habit forming period of your life, and the habits you form now and the various activities to which you may turn your attention, will be those you will follow when you graduate. Only in very rare cases does a man change his habits after he leaves college.

There are some things planned for you, your course of study, lecture periods, etc., and all that is left for you in this regard is to abide by the schedule. Therefore the only opportunity for independent thought and action is in the time out of classes. And here is where so many students fail to make the best use of their time. It is your activity in work extra-curriculum which gives you the opportunity to develop initiative, self-confidence, leadership and personality. The leader in University affairs will almost without exception be the leader in later life.

For the past four years all College activities have been neglected to a great extent. Men were too busy with war preparation but now we are getting back to pre-war conditions. Our men are returning and taking up their studies again and soon it is hoped all the old-time Student activities will be in full swing.

There will be a place for every ambitious Student, and the time spent will not be lost. In these outside activities you may obtain a valuable part of your College training. For what shall it profit a man if he gain first place in his class and obtain his degree and lose his own health?

WOMEN AND RECONSTRUCTION.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of the meeting held in Glasgow, recently, under the auspices of the Women Citizens Association, to consider the subject of women's share in the work of reconstruction. A tremendous task lies before the United Kingdom, in common with practically every other nation, in the matter of reconstruction. But the United Kingdom will address itself to the work with one great advantage, that it will have the help and advice of the women of the country in practically the full exercise of their rights as citizens. At the general election which is shortly to take place in the United Kingdom, no fewer than 6,000,000 women may record their votes. And these 6,000,000 women will do this, and will address themselves to the work of reconstruction, equipped with all that wonderful experience which the last four years have afforded them. Thousands of women in the United Kingdom now know from practical experience what it means to engage in employments which, in the days before the war, were regarded as being exclusively in the sphere of men's work. They will, therefore, bring to the work an obvious ability to co-operate with men in any task they may undertake, and this places their credentials outside the sphere of criticism.

It has, of course, always been believed by those familiar with the question, that whenever and wherever women really entered into activities with men, it would not be in the spirit of rivalry, but in the spirit of co-operation. The idea that when women were accorded the full rights of citizenship they would at once begin to work entirely for so-called "women's objects," and would disregard the great questions which have been

exercising the thought of the public for years, was long ago shown to be absurd. It was, therefore, only what was to be expected that the questions set forth by Robert Munro, Secretary for Scotland, who presided at the Glasgow meeting, as having the first care of all newly enfranchised women, were such questions as land, housing, temperance and education.

In all these questions women have always had at least as much concern, and certainly as much claim to speak, as men. The events of the last four years, however, have enabled them to view such issues from the standpoint of men as well as from their own standpoint, with the result that there will be brought to the solution of the problems involved in all four questions a pooling of ideas by which alone their solution can really be achieved.

The one cause for regret is that the great machine is, even yet, not quite complete. Women have not yet attained full citizenship. The vote has not yet been accorded to them on the same terms as to men. And in many other spheres of activity the old bars still remain. As long as they exist, such injustices can, of course, only result in hampering the united effort which everybody desires to see put into effect. In these circumstances, therefore, it is particularly welcome to find such resolutions as that passed a short time ago by the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, in which a call is made for the removal of all restrictions debarring women from becoming members of professional corporations or trade unions, and insisting once again upon that act of simple justice expressed in the phrase, "equal pay for equal work." It cannot be too strongly insisted that all these shortcomings should be made good at the earliest possible moment.

SPITZBERGEN IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPE AFTER THE WAR.

It is quite clear that the products of Spitzbergen will be one of the greatest factors in the economic development of Europe after the war. Germany was fully alive to their value when she endeavoured to annex them in the treaty of Brest-Litovsk, since Russia was supposed to have some sort of shadowy interest in the country, more from propinquity than any other reason. Great Britain now has the greatest commercial interests there, and by next year they should be supreme. There are also Norwegian and Swedish interests, but they are not extensive; otherwise no parts of the country are being exploited. The Americans sold their interest to the Norwegians some little time ago, and there are apparently no other nationalities concerned.

It is a little surprising that the commercial value of the country has never before been adequately recognized, especially by Great Britain, whose iron has so largely to be imported and whose coal supply, though still plentiful and accessible, costs and will cost, an increasing amount owing to war wages which are not likely to decrease. It is a lengthy process, taking four to five years to open up new mines, but in Spitzbergen the coal is largely surface of excellent quality, of all varieties and can probably be loaded by an easy system of modified telferage, indeed a simple wire ropeway, at a cost of 2s. 6d. to 3s. a ton. Aberdeen is only 1,230 miles away, a three to four days' journey, and a good deal less by a fast boat. A destroyer covers the distance in a very short time. As markets for its coal the Spitzbergen has all Scandinavia and Northwestern Russia, quite apart from Great Britain, to which much of it will come, since it can easily compete with the home products.

The iron ore is apparently inexhaustible and of first-class quality and should be far more accessible than either the products of Spain, so far as the British East Coast is concerned, or Brazil, so far as the entire British Isles are concerned. It is therefore quite comprehensible that all the departments of state in England are greatly interested in the commercial development of Spitzbergen, and that the Foreign Office has bestowed on the project a maximum of good will. Quite apart from coal and iron, however, the country possesses all sorts of minerals, even gold, though lengthy investigations will be necessary to establish the extent of its capabilities.

No difficulties stand in the way of development. The climate is attractive and exhilarating. It is never severe, and the worst that can be said of it is that there are occasionally winds like those in Canada. Men like to live there, have lived there, in fact, for five years without a change. Northern Exploration Company, to obtaining thousands of Scandinavians if only they can be afforded the means of livelihood. To a large extent the country is self-supporting. Animal and bird life abounds, and there is plenty of grass for the reindeer. In summer the days are always light and in winter they are never actually dark, there being a sort of gray dusk with brilliant moons; work goes on just the same in winter as in summer.

It is a country essentially on the eve of development. When Sir Ernest Shackleton returns next spring, he will probably be able to show that most of it has been taken up by the Northern Exploration Company, to which the British Government is showing special good will, and after the war many things may happen.

INTRODUCTION OF AMERICAN ATHLETICS.

That the introduction of American athletics into the allied countries is going to prove very popular is the prediction of those who are back of the movement which is to take up this work under the direction of the Y.M.C.A.

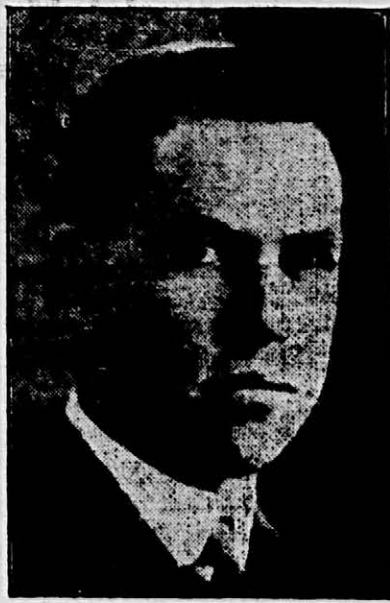
MCGILL vs. M. A. A. TO-NIGHT.

The following men are requested to turn up at the M.A.A.A. bath at 7.45 sharp. Laishley, Lally, Millar, Elder, Shotwell, Glickman, Schippen, Notman. The game is to start early as there will be a dance following the polo game.

At a meeting of the northeastern department, National War Work Council, held in Boston, Mass., this week, a committee was appointed to select 10 American athletic leaders fitted to be pioneers in the movement. They will make their headquarters in Paris. Y. M. C. A. officials said that the committee would choose men well versed in the more popular of the American sports and in the manner of training men to participate in them.

Paul Phillips, Amherst College, chairman; Dean LeBaron R. Briggs, Harvard; Walter Camp, Yale; Dr. G. E. Garland, athletic director of the Boston Y. M. C. A.; and Elmer Barry of the Springfield Y. M. C. A. College are the members of the committee.

WAS AT REUNION.



G. H. CHISHOLM.

THE WORK OF THE JUVENILE COURT.

Once upon a time, if a starving child stole a loaf of bread, he was arrested and tried before the courts in much the same way as the worst criminal of the land and with much the same sentence. The cause and conditions under which the theft was committed were rarely considered, and the boy was started on a life of crime without a single restraining influence.

To-day what would happen? The young offender would be brought before the juvenile court which is so different from the formal law courts that much of the child's terror is dispelled at the beginning and he is not afraid to answer any questions which may be put to him. The "court room" is simply an office with chairs scattered about for the lawyers and witnesses. The children and their friends—if they are fortunate enough to have any—wait in an outer room till their case is called up. When they enter the room they stand before the desk and the judge—a kindly man with a sympathetic twinkle in his eye—talks to them in a fatherly way. Indeed, many of the poor little waifs receive more kindness here in the Court of Justice than they have ever known before. But while the judge is kind he is also strict. The child who had been up to some mischievous pranks which caused damage to the property of others pleaded very earnestly for another chance. But, because he had not heeded previous warnings, his honor considered that a year in a reform school would be for his own good, and no amount of pleading could change this decision.

Each case is investigated by the probation officers before the trial. The work of Mrs. Rose Henderson among the English-speaking people is well known throughout the city. The following case will give some idea of the importance of her work. The mother of a little girl of eleven insisted that the child should be sent to a reform school although the poor little thing clung to her and begged to go home. Mrs. Henderson informed the court that the child had been neglected and ill-treated by her mother. The result was that the woman after receiving a severe warning, took her child home, where Mrs. Henderson engaged to visit her very week to see that she at least received humane treatment.

The formation of the Juvenile court has been a great advance in the treatment of these child-criminals. A child does not commit its first crime from the love of evil. It is either from ignorance and lack of training or simply in the spirit of mischief, and if having fallen he is recorded as a criminal and associated with crime so early in life, what chance has he of ever regaining the innocence he has lost.

MR. WELLS AND A "LEAGUE OF NATIONS."

Mr. H. G. Wells, speaking at the Washington Inn, London, England, recently, said that a League of Nations was not up against human nature, the spirit of nationality, or what the Americans would call the "king business." The real obstacle was what he would call the "Great Power" idea in human affairs which had worked enormous evil in the past, and would have to be exorcised if mankind was not to go down in bloodshed and ruin. If a League of Nations was to be successful, Mr. Wells maintained, it would have to substitute for foreign offices some sort of central control in which diplomacy would have to be pooled and represent the whole of mankind. If this was left to the present foreign offices to arrange it would be asking them to arrange for their own extinction. "I have always been an advocate of complete victory," added Mr. Wells, "but something more than Germany is the matter with Europe at the present time. Unless the 'Great Power' system, embodied in present day foreign offices pursuing secret policies, is destroyed, this war will not have been worth while."

WISE

The professor encouraged his geology class to collect specimens, and

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MET LAST EVENING

Programme Arranged for Session—Membership fee \$2.

At a meeting of the executive, final arrangements were made for the coming session. It was decided that the membership fee be two dollars (\$2.00), which amount, it is hoped, will defray the cost of refreshments which will be served at each meeting.

The nature of the society is to foster sociability and give information on some of the most important topics of the age. The first meeting will be held in Strathcona Hall, on December 11, 1918, at 8 o'clock p.m. Men of the second, third and senior years who intend to avail themselves of the advantages of the society should make application at once. The following subjects compose the programme: Dec. 11—The Programme of the Labour Party in England. The Political Career of Lloyd George.

Jan. 15—Poland. The Yugo Slavs. Feb. 19—Finland. The Cashe Slovaks.

March 12—The Nationalization of the U.S. Railways. The U.S. Merchant Marine.

April 16—The Repatriating of the Returned Soldier. What Should be Our Best Immigration Policy?

one day they deposited a piece of brick streaked and stained, with their collection. Taking up the specimens one by one the professor said:

"This is a piece of baryta from the Chesline mines. This is a piece of feldspar from the Portland quarries. And this," coming to the brick, "is a piece of impudence from some member of the class."

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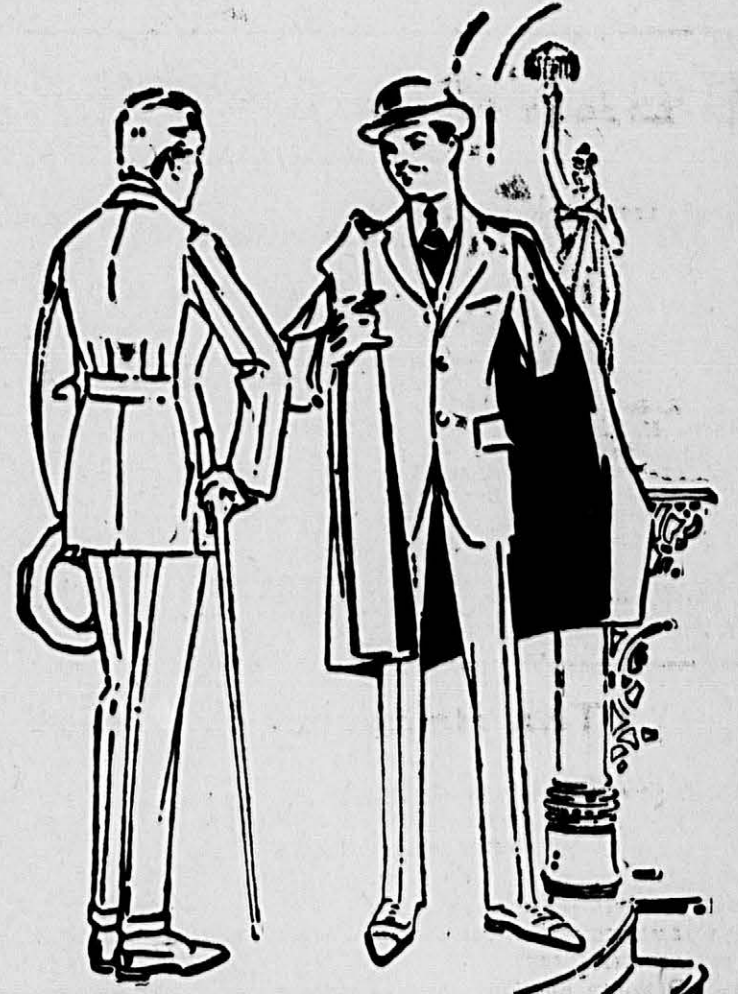
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A TRAIN DISASTER

The troop train sped upon its way, they'd heard their country's call.
To wives and children, ever dear, they bade good-bye to all,
And in the peace of early morn it thundered in its might,
With those, the brave about to die, yet never see the fight.
On thro' the gloom, forth to the tomb, it bore its human load
But what is that obstruction there upon the iron road?
A Smash! A crash! Confusion reigns, destruction unforeseen,
Death's sickle reaps a harvest round historic Gretna Green.

Fire! Fire! Hark to that awful cry resounding in the air,
The dead and dying all around, the wounded everywhere;
One long unbroken line of flame, a veritable hell,
What painter shall depict the scene, what tongue, but truly tell,
Scorched by the flames, the doctor and the soldier, every one
Who could assist a comrade there, his duty nobly done.
Victoria Crosses oft were given both by a king and queen
For lesser deeds of valour than were done at Gretna Green.

They went at duty's stern command to battle o'er the wave,
They went to fight for liberty, for glory or the grave;
The joke went round, the song went round, unmindful of the foe,
The sentiment by all expressed—were we downhearted? No!
No battle-field, no German foes, for them across the foam,
That dewy morn, alas for them, a soldier's death at home.
A cruel death, a noble death, heroic none more seen,
Than those, alas, who perished, at dawn near Gretna Green.

And many a gallant soldier speeding home that morn
To all he'd left behind him in the land where he was born.
Death he had even left behind, danger he fancied past,
While speeding home in the express, grim death had met at last.
Can we forget, shall we forget the exalted one who saith:
Even in the midst of life itself, we ever are in death?
Can we forget, no never, the horrors of that scene,
The noble band that perished in historic Gretna Green?

They called the roll when all was o'er,
Few answered, most shall nevermore,
But when the roll is called that day
In "Homeland" in eternity,
May all who perished there appear,
Salute the Lord and answer "Here!"

Sleep here in peace, ye soldiers brave,
Who in the "Homeland" found a grave,
Your kith and kin we must revere,
The very same as you were here;
What you have done, what you would do,
Through them we must return to you—
Good-bye, a last and long adieu.

MANDOLIN CLUB HOLDS SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE

Club in Good Shape for First
Performance.

A well-attended and successful practice of the Mandolin Club was held last night. The players are in good shape for their first public performance at the Arts' Undergrad' Smoker on Thursday next.

A good many requests to play have already come to the officers of the Club, which forecasts that the Mandolin Club will be as popular as ever this year.

The Club is anxious to comply with all invitations to play and to aid them in doing this requests should be sent up in order that as long a notice as possible may be given. Any of the officers will be glad to give information about the Club and to receive requests to play.

The next practice will be as usual on Monday next, at 7.30 at Peate's Studio.

WORD KINDERGARTEN NOT WELCOME.

(Continued from Dec. 7th.)

No "kindergarten" is deposed and nominations for its successor are now in order. The Board of Education for Ossining, N.Y., have been quick to banish the offending word, but it seems a pity that they were so quick to choose "primary circle" to take its place. Happily, their choice has not passed unchallenged. America is sure to find a better name than that.

On the other side of the Atlantic, England seems to be well satisfied with her "nursery" schools, the name she has chosen to take the place of "infant" schools and "kindergartens."

Mr. Fisher, who has just successfully piloted a new education bill through those intricate mazes of the House of Commons whereby a measure starts out as a bill and ends as a law, told a meeting of teachers the other day that he felt sure no part of the new regulations would be so popular as the clauses which provide for nursery schools.

Nursery-school is a comforting, common-sense name. The mothers are sure to like it, and it is a happy omen that the day of the theorist and faddist is over. If Mr. Fisher and the host of local authorities who are to put the bill into effect follow the best traditions of really good nurseries and make simplicity the keynote of their new schools, it will be the finest thing in the world for English boys and girls.

Every one—even the theorist—agrees that in an ideal state of society there would be no schools for children under six. A mother should always be able to train her own children better than anyone else can, and only the fact that some mothers were not trained themselves and so many more have to be out all day at work, makes infant schools of any sort desirable. This premise granted,

it follows quite naturally that, since nursery schools are a makeshift, they can't do better than adopt the best home ways.

The right kind of nursery is always founded on law and order, and abedience is the first lesson taught. A mother succeeds without knowing much about kindergarten methods because of her love, her patience, firmness and honesty. She joins in the children's play, sings to them, tells them stories, helps them to master a new word today and to count up to 10 tomorrow, and scarcely realizes she is teaching them anything at all. It is true there are mothers who go about in just the opposite way, but their methods are not so successful. There's the "faddist" mother, who keeps a diary of all that her child says and does. She trains him by the newest and most approved methods, and is always looking out for a short cut to turn him into a genius. She is ready to do anything for her child except set him a good example, which is really, when you come to think of it, quite the simplest way to teach such things as punctuality, regularity and neatness.

The biography of any great man shows how much he owed to his mother—not to her assiduous application of some one else's theories—but to her own character, her splendid sanity, wisdom and love.

All of this goes to show that our nursery schools can be made to yield most excellent results by using the very simplest methods, and that the character of the teacher is of more importance than her training in pedagogy.

It is a curious fact that more theories are devised for the benefit of children before they reach the tender age of six than during the whole of the rest of their school and college career. The chubby-faced child, of three is a tempting subject for the educational specialist, who is often only too ready to "rush in" and the worst of it is that the results of his labors, however excellent they appear at the moment, cannot be properly tested until some years have elapsed, and by then so many new factors have come into the child's life it is difficult to test them at all.

Merely to glance over a book on the more advanced kinds of kindergarten training makes you supremely grateful for your own nursery days if you were fortunate enough to have any. So far, though, we have only praised the mother, and a mother can't by any means claim all the credit of the nursery. There is the nurse, the English nurse has never received one millionth part of the praise due to her. Since the war began the public schools, the boy scouts and every other English institution have received due credit for helping to turn out the Englishman with his dogged pluck and staying power, but what of the nurse, the earliest institution of them all? It was nurse who ruled us with a firm hand, nurse who wouldn't let us eat with our mouth full, nurse who taught us a simple code of honor.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Daily is not responsible for the sentiments of letters published in the correspondence columns. Signed communications from graduates, undergraduates and members of the faculties will be placed in print if they are not of too great length.

Correspondents are requested to observe the unwritten law of the newspaper office—that they write upon ONE side of the paper ONLY.

No communications will be admitted in this column without the name of the writer being attached, not necessarily for PUBLICATION.

The Editor, "McGill Daily":

"Dear Sir,—I feel moved to make a few observations with regard to the letter printed in to-day's Daily over the signature of H. Mouquin. The writer seeks to point out that worry, as such, may be beneficial, as I take it.

Now, Mr. Mouquin himself states, "Personally, I have found that a moderate amount of worry has assisted in stimulating mental activity." Does he wish us all to regulate our mental habits in accordance with his ideas? Being myself acquainted with the writer and his career, I might be tempted to make the remark that were I in his place I no doubt should be overwhelmed with worry, but those who possess a clear conscience have no need of such stimuli.

Mr. Mouquin closes by inviting discussion. I could wish that some one more versed in the abstruse department of psychology would take up the cudgels and give us some really definite data. For instance, I seem to scent a need for closer definition of the term "worry over the future." Just what does Mr. Mouquin mean by this? It may be that he does not disagree so completely with the writer of the editorial attacked as he imagines.

Hoping to see more communications upon this subject printed in your paper, and thanking you for your valuable space, I am

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Arts '20.

A NEW USE FOR FISH OIL.

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When red lead is mixed with linseed oil, chemical action follows which causes it to thicken up and become unfit for use in a short time. The addition of properly neutralized fish oil, will, however, prevent this hardening action and preserve the paint in a fresh and soft condition for many months.

Nurse, we all respected, loved and obeyed her.

Where does the English nurse come from? From the country villages generally. Sometimes she is the gardener's daughter, sometimes the niece of Polly Bull who keeps the village shop. It doesn't much matter where she comes from; one thing is certain, her own father and mother must have taught her the obedience and respect she afterward demands of us. Many an Englishman inhabiting the far corners of the Empire writes a letter every Christmas to "nurse," and just as soon as he crosses the seas again he will go and see her in the tiny cottage with its garden border of pinks and pansies, and she will beam with pride and call him "Master Jack."

Undoubtedly, the German name and the multiplicity of methods connected with it have thrown dust in our eyes and made us imagine that the teaching of children aged from three to six was a mysterious rite instead of a straightforward, common-sense affair, sacred indeed because it helps to build character, but easy to understand and part and parcel of the good old Anglo-Saxon's ideals of obedience to the right and charity to your neighbor.

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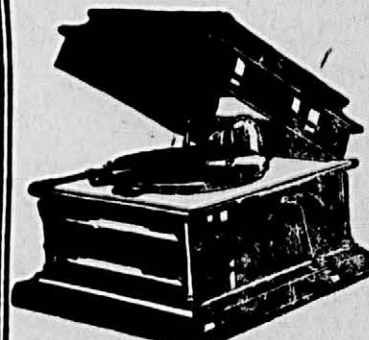
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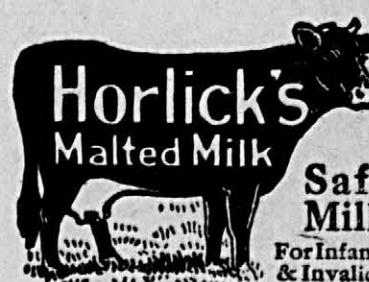
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NOTICES**Science '20 Meeting.**

There will be a meeting of the Science Juniors this afternoon at five o'clock, in Room 37 of the Engineering Building. The Annual Board representatives have some important announcements to make to the class regarding the photographs for the 1920 Annual. It is important that every member of the class who is affected be present.

A hockey manager will also be elected at this meeting.

University Lodge A. F. & A. M. will hold its regular meeting on Saturday, December 14th, at 8 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 349 Dorchester St. West. This lodge is composed entirely of college trained men. It meets on the second Saturday of each month, from October to May inclusive. Any McGill student or professor who is a Mason will be welcome at any of the meetings.

Medical Society.

There will be a meeting of the Medical Society in the Medical Building, on Friday, December 13th, at 8.30 p.m.

Meeting of Basketball Executive.

A meeting of the Basketball Executive will be held in Strathcona Hall this afternoon, at five o'clock.

Arts '20 Meeting.

There will be a meeting of Arts '20 this afternoon, at 5.15 o'clock, in the Smoking Room of the Arts Building. All the class members are asked to be present, as important business will be discussed.

Lost.

In the Mining and Chemical Building, about 5.00 p.m. on Friday, a Waterman Fountain Pen. Finder please return to janitor of Engineering Building and receive reward.

Found.

In the Union, on Friday, December 6th, a Lady's Gaiter. Owner may have same by applying to the porter at the Union.

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

A meeting of the Quebec branch of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Montreal centre, will be held in the Engineering Building of McGill University, on December 12, at 8 p.m. Mgr. C. P. Choquette, M.A., president of the society, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Measurement of the Distances of the Heavenly Bodies."

Fees may be paid at this meeting. Election of new members, etc. Visitors welcome.

Science Freshman-Sophomore Banquet

On Thursday, the annual Science Freshman-Sophomore Banquet will be held at 7.30 in the Rose Room of the Windsor Hotel. An enjoyable programme has been prepared, and everyone is promised an interesting evening. The assistance of the Cyclone Jazz Band, under the management of George Cloutier, Sci. '20, has been procured, and music will be rendered throughout the dinner.

Arts '19 Class Dinner.

The Arts '19 Class Dinner will take place on Thursday, December 19, and all members of this class who expect to be present are asked to keep this date open.

GERMAN NOT WANTED.

Milwaukee County ceased to be officially bi-lingual this week, when the board of supervisors voted to postpone indefinitely the publication of its proceedings in a German-language newspaper. This action ends a custom that has endured for years.

as cunningly forged and as skillfully wielded as ever Germany has done in distorting education to the promotion of autocracy. To quote the President: "It is now more than ever a duty to teach a burning, uncompromising patriotism which will admit of no divided allegiance, but demands all that the heart and energy of the citizen can give."

To this end committees of teachers representing every grade have spent months of effort in reorganizing material in the following subjects of the course: Music, Things To Do, The Story, Literature, The Flag, Civics. The reorganized material was tested and outlines were written and revised. These outlines were co-ordinated and articulated by a conference committee that gradually narrowed in numbers to three. This final committee made such changes as were necessary to render the plan suitable for general use. The manuscript embodying these outlines has been presented to the national government with the understanding that it will be printed for free distribution among the teachers of the nation, as a part of the citizenship programme that must be recognized and followed by the teaching profession as the vital element in the course of study.

The Cicero teachers offered this result of their experience as a contribution toward winning this war and making another impossible.

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Union House Committee will be held in the McGill Union at 5.15 p.m.

WHAT'S ON**To-day.**

5.00 p.m.—Meeting of Basketball Executive.
 5.00 p.m.—Meeting of Science '20.
 5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Arts '20.
 5.15 p.m.—Meeting Union House Committee.
 5.00-6.30 p.m.—Last Period for Physical Examination.
 5.15-6.00 p.m.—Gym Practice at Central Y.M.C.A.
 7.00 p.m.—Basketball Practice.
 7.00 p.m.—Athletic Association Meeting in Union.
 —McGill vs. M.A.A.A.—Water Polo.
 —Arts Sophomore-Freshman Dinner at Ritz.

Coming.

Dec. 11—Science Undergrad. Smoker.
 Dec. 12—Arts Undergrad Smoker.
 Dec. 12—Science Sophomore-Freshman Banquet at Windsor Hotel.
 Dec. 13, 8.30 p.m.—Meeting of Medical Society.
 Dec. 17—Med. Sophomore-Freshman Banquet at Freeman's.
 Dec. 19—Orchestra Assembly, R.V.C.
 Dec. 19—Arts '19 Class Dinner.

R. V. C. NOTES**R.V.C. '20.**

There will be an important meeting of R.V.C. '20 to-day, at one o'clock, in the Common Room. Note the hour!

Basketball.

There will be a Basketball practice for beginners on Wednesday, at 3.45 p.m.

A match has been arranged with Macdonald College, for December 18, and the following girls are asked to turn out on Wednesday at 4.15 sharp to try for places on the college teams.

Seniors — Young, Rogers, Abbott, Craig, Salamon, Macdonald, Lewis, Cruikshank.

Juniors—Davidson, Goddard, Moody, Nichol, Savage, Rorke.

Sophomores — Cameron, Davidson, Godwin, MacIntosh, Ross, Spier.

Freshmen — Fry, Mansfield, Mon-

deron.

Girls who are not out to this practice will not make teams.

A cable has been received from Lieut. Robert Hall, Arts '18, stating that he has arrived safely in Scotland,

after having been a prisoner in Germany for several months. Lieut. Hall went overseas with the 6th Field Ambulance in April, 1915. He won his commission on the field, and was gaz-

etted to the R. F. A. in October, 1917. He was captured at St. Quentin, March 21st, 1918. His brother, Norman Hall, Science '07, is a major in the 352 E. & M. Co., R. E.

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All Out To Patronize The Union!**CITIZENSHIP IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

A course in citizenship for the elementary school, designed to make good American citizens, has been carefully developed in Cicero, Illinois, an industrial suburb of Chicago. The material has been put into general shape, making possible its use anywhere, and has been submitted to the federal government. In an article written especially for The Christian Science Monitor, F. W. Rawcliffe, supervisor of the grammar grades in the Cicero public schools, goes into a little detail on the course and its aims:

Self-preservation is the first law of nature and of the State, and under the impulse of that law has the State set apart the school. The chief aim of the course of study is, therefore—or should be—to prescribe such a plan of training as will develop intelligent responsible citizens.

Such has been the purpose of Supt. W. W. Lewton of the Cicero schools, during the past 10 years; and he has laboured systematically to improve the equipment of the schools, to raise the efficiency of the teaching, to eliminate dead wood from the traditional curriculum, and to make what is retained into a course of study and training responsive to the vital needs of the Commonwealth. The direct inculcation of the ideals of good citizenship is the motivation of the course.

For some years regular instruction has been given in local civics. A series of questions covering the industries, government and life of Cicero

was prepared and arranged by grades from the third to the eighth. To be able to answer these questions, teachers and pupils alike are under the necessity of doing considerable work. In addition to this local study, the governments of Cook County, of Chicago, of Illinois and of the United States are studied in their main outlines. The pupil never loses sight of the fact of his own relationship to each of these divisions. He early realizes the greater importance of knowing how to vote intelligently than of being able to recite glibly the powers of the Governor. The Socratic method is much in evidence.

When the United States at last faced its duty in the great war, our outlook was not changed, but our horizon was pushed back. With our growing realization of the extent of the mischief already wrought in this country by the agents of Prussianism, there was felt an imperative call for a more aggressive attitude on our part as prophets of democracy. The debasing of ideals and the dulling of civic sensitiveness due to the cold-blooded, cynical propaganda carried on insidiously, yet unremittably, since 1893, made it urgent upon us to counter vigorously. The enemy must be defeated on the westernmost front extending through every city and village in America. He must be beaten at his own game. We must have a dynamic propaganda for civic righteousness. Education must be made an effective weapon for the maintenance of liberty and the furtherance of democracy.